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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original). An electrical extension lead, comprising an electrical cable having a first end and a second end, having the first end connected to a plug socket arrangement for supplying electricity to electrical devices, and with the second end connected to an electrical plug for connection to electrical supply sources, characterized in that a battery pack charging assembly is also connected to the first end of the cable, which charging assembly is suitable for charging battery packs for powering electrical devices.

Claim 2 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 wherein the plug socket arrangement and the battery pack charging assembly are co-located.

Claim 3 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 wherein the plug socket arrangement and the battery pack charging assembly are mounted within a common housing arrangement.

Claim 4 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 wherein the extension lead comprises a storage structure and the cable is stored by wrapping it around the storage structure.

Claim 5 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 4 wherein the storage structure is a reel housing.

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Claim 6 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 4 wherein the plug socket arrangement and the battery pack charging assembly are mounted on the storage structure.

Claim 7 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 wherein the electrical cable is stored by wrapping it around the exterior surface of a hollow storage structure and the battery pack charging assembly is located within said hollow storage structure.

Claim 8 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 7 wherein the plug socket arrangement is fitted within a first cover portion of the hollow structure and the battery pack charging assembly is fitted within a second cover portion at the opposite end of the hollow structure.

Claim 9 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 8 wherein the second cover portion includes a recess, which recess extends within the hollow storage structure.

Claim 10 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 7 wherein the hollow storage structure is substantially cylindrical.

Claim 11 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 4 wherein storage structure is rotatably mounted within an outer housing, which outer housing is formed with a hole through which the cable is extendable.

Claim 12 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 3 wherein the battery pack charging assembly comprises a receptacle assembly for receiving a battery pack, which receptacle assembly comprises a receptacle housing and a flexible gasket disposed between the receptacle housing and a portion of the extension lead housing.

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Claim 13 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 12, wherein the receptacle assembly further comprises at least one retainer disposed on the extension lead housing to prevent disengagement of the gasket.

Claim 14 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 12, further comprising a door in the extension lead housing located adjacent the receptacle assembly.

Claim 15 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 14, wherein the door includes a spring disposed thereon to bias a battery into connection with the receptacle assembly.

Claim 16 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 12 further including a battery charger circuit mounted on the receptacle housing.

Claim 17 (original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 wherein the electrical supply source is a mains supply source or a fuel powered generator supply source.

Claim 18 (new). An electrical extension cord assembly for conducting power from an AC electrical source to a corded electrical device, the electrical extension cord assembly comprising:

- an electrical cable having a first end and a second end;

- an electrical plug connected to the second end of the cable for connection to the AC electrical source,

- a plug socket arrangement connected to the first end of the cable and suitable for connecting to the corded electrical device; and

- a battery pack charging assembly connected to the first end of the cable and suitable for charging the battery packs of cordless electrical devices.

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Claim 19 (new). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 18, and further comprising a housing, and the plug socket arrangement and the battery pack charging assembly are mounted to the housing.

Claim 20 (new). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 19, and wherein the housing includes a reel suitable for coiled storage of the electric cable.